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Philip Morris Inc.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter of November 10, 1970, we are herewith enclosing

(1) 2 copies of our reply dated November 16, 1970 to the Official Action dated August 12, 1970,

(2) 2 copies of a new main claim as filed simultaneously,

(3) translation of item 2 in duplicate,

(4) our debit note in duplicate.

We presented once more the patentability of the present invention in great detail and convincingly, we believe. We were not able to adopt in unchanged form the claim which you proposed and which corresponds to the claim of U.S. Patent No. 3,280,823, because it does by no means meet the requirements to be answered by patent claims in this country. However, our wording of the claim is not narrower than the claim proposed by you. Finally, we asked the Examiner to grant an interview in case he should still have doubts about the patentability of the invention.

Yours very truly,

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